post-war scenario. The Medium Term Export Strategy has identified Afghanistan as a strategic trade partner for India.

WTO agreement on agriculture

2391. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have put up proposals for inclusion of Natural Rubber, Coir and Jute as agricultural commodities under WTO Agreement on Agriculture; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what efforts are being made to persuade WTO for an early decision in the matter with the help of other rubber producing countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) India in its initial negotiating proposals filed in January 2001 in World Trade Organisation (WTO) has proposed rationalization of product coverage of agreement on agriculture to include agricultural commodities such as rubber, jute and coir. The negotiations on WTO agreement on agriculture are still going on and the final outcome in this regard will known only after the conclusion of these negotiations.

Export of agricultural products

2392. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export of agricultural products has increased in 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of targets fixed for the current year and the likely achievements?